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President's letter for November, 2009.

Well, it's late October and the Atlantic hurricane season is pretty much toast. Lots of activity in the Pacific but the atmosphere just didn't cooperate with Atlantic tropical cyclones this year. I could use a few more zero hurricane seasons!

Several of us helped the scouts during the Jamboree on the air the weekend of October 17 and 18. We had about 25 scouts show up and I hope they learned something. I would like to thank everyone who showed up and helped. Mr. Ken Turner (Scout Master) provided coffee and hospitality for us. Larry KE5KJD designed a QSL card for this special event using the 1X1 call N5S.



I also attended the Pineville ham fest the week end before. Jim, N5NVP promised that one of the (many) raffle tickets I purchased from him would win. He was wrong. I guess it's my fault for putting them into the tumbler in the wrong order. I just can't get that part right.

I sat in on the LA contest forum which was very interesting. I missed Charlie, KI5XP. He was watching LSU get beat by Florida.

In November is the Cajun Cup 10K event and we would like to participate in one way or the other. Larry and Sandy KE5KJD and KE5KJF are the event chair-people. If you would like to help, please let either Larry or Sandy know. The event starts at 8:05 am on November 14th starting in Downtown Lafayette (see article on page 3).

On Saturday, December 5th @ 7:30 AM the *Cajun 1/2 Marathon* will take place in Acadiana Park on the corner of Alexander St. and Teurlings Drive, Lafayette. We will discuss if we want to assist in this event again and select a chair person at the November meeting.

73 one and all.
-de W4JHC John



NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING



Thursday, November 5th at the Red Cross building at 101 N. Pat Street in Scott, LA. Testing at 6:00 pm and the meeting will start at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there. VE testing at 6:00 pm.



VP's Message

Well, it seems that I am a year older since the last meeting, seems that many of us are headed that way too. Just hope some of us "ole fogies" hang around a little longer to Elmer some of the new bee's.

Since John Martin KA5BSE/W5SE became a SK, some of the local FCC rule infractions seem to slide by, I know John used to tell them "like it is" and would put them on the right path when he heard someone breaking the rules or being a "lid", Mel WD5CAE also will also get on your case. I have been trying to do that lately but I don't have the knack, knowledge or the experience that John and Mel have. This is why I added the article about the "Wouff Hong" found on page 3 in this newsletter.

I would also like to mention that after the 1st of the year, I would like to see someone else call the AARA Monday Night Net. I have had it for a year and it would be nice to hear a new voice (you probably would too) calling the net. I am sure the club would agree to offer a ARRL Radio Handbook to next year's top check-in.

I have also agreed to start calling the Gulf Coast Sideband Net on 3925 KHz at 1830 local time beginning the first of the year after some coxing by Danny K5ARH and Lou WA5LOU.

Mel WD5CAE and Ron WA5GOT have managed to persuade me into calling the Post Office Net every third Sunday morning at 0700 local time on 3905 KHz. My maiden run was on October 25th.

73 de Herman
KN5GRK
VP & Editor

DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday Nov 5th @ 7:00 PM
 Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
 VE Testing @ 6:00 pm - Door Prizes - Refreshments

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

New Orleans Hamfest—October 3rd
 CLARC Hamfest—October 10th

Local 2-Meter Nets

Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 Lafayette, LA

Monday

AARA Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 Lafayette, LA
 Acadia Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM
 147.240 PL 127.3 Crowley, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
 145.370 PL 103.5

Wednesday

Vermillion Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM
 147.060 Abbeville, LA

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only 1:00 PM
 146.820 Lafayette, LA

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 each month at 7:00 p.m. at the
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JAMBOREE-ON-THE AIR (JOTA)

The AARA helped out Ken Turner (Scoutmaster) with the Evangeline Area Council, Boy Scouts of America in promoting JOTA and helping his troops obtain their radio communications merit badge on Saturday and Sunday October 17th & 18th.

AARA President, John W4JHC, set up a HF and a 2 meter station on a table in the parking lot at the Evangeline Area Scout Shop, 2266 S. College Rd. Ex, Lafayette, LA.



You can see some of the scouts using the radios



AARA Vice President, Herman KN5GRK, set up a table with a laptop with EchoLink and a 2 meter HT on a table outside to let the scouts get make some contacts. They were thrilled to talk to a station in Johannesburg South Africa and Trinidad, Tobago just to name a few.

The AARA has participated in the JOTA activities in the past, but in my opinion, I think this one was the best. WX was on the windy and a little chilly but sunny both days. We are looking forward to next year's event.

Those that took part in helping this year were: John W4JXC Chairperson, Nick K5QXJ, Herman KN5GRK, Paul K5VSH, Ed KC5MMG (photographer), Maurena KB5SMX, Larry KE5KJD, Sandy KE5KJF, Galen KF5BET, Abigail KF5BEW, Archie W5AG, Dave KD0BZO, Stratos KE5I and a few others that operated on the other end of the radios, thanks to you guys and gals too.

Ken, may have a report for us in the next issue of the **LARC**.

+ Operating: Changes for the 2009 November Sweepstakes

This month, amateurs throughout the US and Canada will take part in the longest-running domestic contest, the 76th ARRL November Sweepstakes. Since 1930, this tradition in Amateur Radio has brought out all kinds of amateurs -- from seasoned contest veterans to neophytes, from long-time traffic handlers to operators new to HF. The CW running of Sweepstakes takes place next weekend, November 7-9, while the SSB weekend is November 21-23. Each event runs from 2100 UTC Saturday until 0300 UTC Monday. All entrants may operate 24 out of the 30 hours. For more information, including changes to the log submission deadline, check out the following website.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/10/28/11166/?nc=1>

Cajun Cup

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Cajun Cup 2009 will be held November 14th at 8:05 am in downtown Lafayette. Starting point will be at Jefferson and Vermillion Streets.

We will need volunteers with 2 meter HT's placed around the course at the mile markers to relay race leaders and report any accidents to the command post. Volunteers need to report to Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, chairperson for this event before the race to pick up your "T" shirt which you should have ordered right after the October general meeting. Volunteers with shirts will receive free refreshments after the race at Parc San Souci (near race start).

Our AMOS van will be parked along Jefferson Street across from the old Federal / Post Office Building (same place as last year). We will probably meet there about 7:15 am and disperse to your locations around 7:45 am.

Did You Know? The Wouff Hong

Every amateur should know and tremble at the history and origins of this fearsome instrument for the punishment of amateurs who cultivate bad operating habits and who nourish and culture their meaner instincts on the air. The Wouff Hong was invented -- or at any rate, discovered -- by "The Old Man" himself, just as amateurs were getting back on the air after World War I. The Old Man (who later turned out to be Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW, co-founder and first President of ARRL) first heard the Wouff Hong described amid the howls and garble of interference as he tuned across a band filled with signals that exemplified all the rotten operating practices then available to amateurs (considering the state of the art as they knew it). As The Old Man heard it, the Wouff Hong was being used on some hapless offender so effectively that he investigated. After further effort, "T.O.M." was able to locate and identify a Wouff Hong. The Old Man never prescribed the exact manner in which the Wouff Hong was to be used, but amateurs need only a little imagination to surmise how painful punishments were inflicted on those who stoop to liddish behavior on the air. The Original Wouff Hong is on display at ARRL Headquarters. Find out more about this dreaded instrument of torture here.



The Wouff Hong - a "fearsome instrument for the punishment of amateurs who cultivate bad operating habits."

<http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/history.html#hong>

Reprinted from the **ARRL Letter**, October 15, 2009.

The AARA has a Wouff Hong somewhere, probably located at the QTH of John Myrick NQ2V. If I remember correctly, he fabricated a replica and did a pretty good job. I have not heard from John in quite a while, maybe someone can give a update at the meeting. Apparently, he is still receiving my e-mails.

Herman KN5GRK

MINDEN AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION HAMFEST

Minden, Louisiana



Date: December 19, 2009

Location: Minden, LA. City Hall, 520 Broadway St., Minden, LA

Admission: \$5.00

Time: 8:00 AM til

Talk-in:

Main Prizes:

1st - NA at this time

2nd - NA at this time

3rd - NA at this time

Tickets: \$1 each, 6-\$5, 15-\$10, 35-\$15, 50-\$25, 100-\$50.

Drawing will take place between 2:00-3:00 PM.

Forums: ARRL, ARES & others.

Participating Vendors:

Those vendors who have agreed to participate this year in the ham-fest include:

Blue Star Antennas

Clear Signal Products (the Coax-man)

Palmetto Antennas, LLC

The SignMan of Baton Rouge

VE Testing: Time not available

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318-422-3159 (cell)

Email: dusty@bellsouth.net

MARA Website:

<http://www.n5rd.org>

October 2009 AARA Meeting Minutes (edited)

The meeting was opened by the president John W4JHC.

The opening prayer was by the vice-president Herman KN5GRK.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

There were 28 members and a two visitors in attendance. The two visitors were Paula KF5CNS and David KDØBZO.

Arnold KE5JXC passed his Amateur Extra Class Exam.

Minutes: The September Minutes were not read, due to being posted in the October LARC Newsletter.

Financial Report: Joy N5YCS gave the Treasurer's Report for the Month of September 2009. Any club member needing the figures can contact Joy for that information.

Old Business: Calvin KD5JCT is still out with illness. Therefore, a report on the work on AMOS could not be made.

New Business: John W5JHC introduced Mr. Ken Turner of the Boy Scouts of America. He talked about the facilities, location, etc. that will be available for the Boy Scout Jamboree Saturday October 17th (8:00 am-5:00 pm) & Sunday the 18th (10:00 am-4:00 pm). The Jamboree is for any and all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts.

There was a discussion that followed. John W4JHC stated that a special call sign N5S was obtained for the Jamboree and that Larry KE5KJD had designed a QSL card for the event. The AARA will provide our AMOS van and the mobile antenna trailer for the Scouts to work on their Merit Badges in Radio. 2 meter and EchoLink capability will also be available along with HF communication. The mobile generator will not be required. The Scouts are furnishing 21 computer stations for use on the Internet.

Herman KN5GRK stated that the Cajun Cup 10K will be held on November 14th and the Cajun Cup 1/2 Marathon will be held on December 5th. AMOS, Chair Persons and Volunteers will be needed for these events.

There were a number of members that brought their favorite or most unusual QSL cards and related to the membership why these QSL's were special. A drawing was held for the presenters of their cards and Roland NA5Q won a digital VOM.

Door Prize: The Club VP, Herman KN5GRK, gave out the following door prize:

Maureena KB5SMX won a sampling of various scented liquids.
Respectfully Submitted
Paul D. Scallan, K5VSH
Secretary, AARA



11/3 PAUL	K5VSH
11/13 BETTY	K5BMC
11/20 STEVE	K5UGC
12/09 ROLAND	NA5Q
12/10 LOUIS	KE5GLB

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership applications, this is why some may not be on the list.

October Meeting VE Test Session Results

The following persons tested at the October 1st AARA General Meeting.

Arnold Lemaire upgraded to Extra Class.

VE's were:

Danny Griffith K5ARH
Greg Dolan K5LFT
Mitch Romero KB5TWL
Rick Breau N5RLM

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Danny K5ARH

November 2009 Special Events & Contests

Nov. 7	ARRL November Sweepstakes CW Only.
Nov. 7-9	WØJH - 35 th Anniversary of Edmund Fitzgerald sinking.
Nov. 9-12	W5M - Commemorating US Marine Corps Birthday.
Nov. 11	W5KID - USS Kid Commemorating Veterans Day, Baton Rouge, LA.
Nov. 11-15	WW2IND - USS Indy ARS Commemorating Veterans Day.
Nov. 13-15	W1E - Commemorating historical significance of Friday 13 th .
Nov. 14	Worked All Europe DX Contest Digital
Nov. 14	K5EOK - Commemorating Oklahoma Statehood Day.
Nov. 27	ARRL November Sweepstakes Phone Only.
Nov. 28	NB9QB - 66 th Birthday of USS Cobia WWII Submarine.
Nov. 28 & 29	W6OI - 10-10 Club Special Event. 10 Meters only.
Nov. 28 & 29	WA1NPO - First Pilgrim Landing at Plymouth.
Nov. 29	World Wide CQ Contest CW Only
	Check out November 2009 QST pages 86 and 93 for more information on Contest & Special Event Stations.

AARA NEW CLUB MEMBERS

The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. would like to welcome the following new members to our association.

Grant Linscomb—KF5CNU
Lafayette, LA
David Aubuchon—KDØBZO
New Iberia, LA

October 2009 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	48	0	80	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	78	0	134	KN5GRK Herman
Acadiana ARES Net	4	27	0	80	N5LRZ Ray
Acadia Parish ARES Net	4	26	0	117	KN5GRK Herman
Vermillion Parish ARES Net	4	43	0	83	KE5JXC Arnold
HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest)	2	* M 6 / G 11	0	20	KE5JKD Larry

Lagniappe . . . is something thrown in, gratis, for good measure. --Mark Twain.

CLARC Hamfest Report

The Grand Prize winners at the CLARC Hamfest held in Pineville on October 10th were:

1st Prize ICOM IC-7200...Dick Lundy WA5CAV of Alexandria, LA.

2nd Prize \$500.00 cash...Joe Roseberry of Lafayette, LA.

3rd Prize ICOM IC-2200H...Anya Roye of Bunkie, LA.

4th Prize ICOM IC-V82...Paul Schelfo of Lafayette, LA.

Iberia Parish 911 Dispatch Center Dedication

At the September 23, 2009 Iberia Parish Council Meeting, Summary No. 254 was introduced by Clerk of the Council.

A resolution of support regarding the designation of the Dispatch Center located in the E911 Communications Center to be known as the **Lionel Oubre Memorial Dispatch Center**, contingent upon the review and approval of the District Attorney's Office.

Mr. Jim Anderson, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, to address the Council to provide information regarding

the designation of the Dispatch Room in the E911 Center to be known as the **Lionel Oubre Memorial Dispatch Center**, which is to be considered for approval by adoption of Resolution Summary No. 254. (edited from Iberia Parish Council Meeting minutes 9/23/09).

I found out today 10/28/09 that there will be a formal dedication service scheduled for November 9, 2009 at 10:00 AM at the Communications Center, 459A Main St., New Iberia, LA 70560. Hosted by the IBERIA PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT. All that knew AL are invited.

Some of our newer hams may not have known Silent Key (SK) Lionel (Al) Oubre K5DPG, Al was a long time member of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association and very much involved in ARES, National Traffic System, and emergency communications at the 911 center. He was a "Elmer" to many of us in these fields, including myself.

Al was a dedicated ham radio operator and this is one of the many ways he will be remembered for his services.



FYI

The callsign of the Bayouland Emergency Amateur Radio Service (BEARS) in Morgan City recently received a new vanity call "W5BMC". Jackie Price KA5LMZ is the trustee. The old call was "KE5EAO". Nice change from the old call.!

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The AARA Monday Night Net on the 146.820 repeater in Lafayette is having a little contest to stimulate activity in our area.

The person that checks in the most times during 2009 will receive a 2010 ARRL Radio Handbook. A very nice prize (in case of a tie, a drawing will be held). I (KN5GRK) am excluded from the contest as I am the NCS.

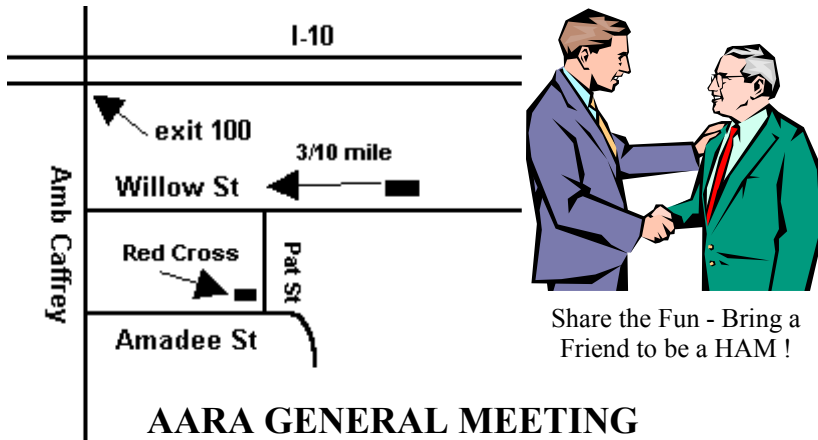
At the end of October there is a possible of 43 check-ins, the four top scores are listed below.

CALL:	NAME:	SCORE:
KC5MMG	ED	43
KN5GRK	HERMAN	43
W4JHC	JOHN	39
KD5YWB	KEN	39
KD5JCT	CALVIN	34
KE5KJD	LARRY	33

We will be looking forward to see the winner.

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Lafayette, LA 70505-1174

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Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING

Thursday November 5th, 2009 - 7:00 PM

VE Testing at 6:00 PM - Refreshments - Door Prizes

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA

Lunch Bunch

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 - repeater for info.

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Strawberry Short Cake

(reprinted from COOKS.COM)

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 qts. + 1 1/2 c. all-purpose flour | 3 1/4 c. shortening |
| 1 qt. (2 1/2 c.) sugar | 10 large eggs |
| 3/4 c. nonfat dry milk | 3 tbsp. vanilla |
| 4 2/3 tbsp. baking soda | 1 qt. water |
| 2 1/2 tsp. salt | 1 1/2 gal. Strawberries |
| | whipped topping |

Blend dry ingredients 5 minutes on low speed. Cut in fat until consistency of coarse cornmeal. Beat eggs. Add eggs and half the liquid to flour mixture. Beat 2 minutes on medium speed. Add remaining liquids and beat 2 minutes longer.

Pour batter into 2 greased pans. Bake 30 to 35 minutes at 350°. Cool, cut each pan into 50 pieces. Place each piece into serving dishes, top with 1/4 cup strawberries and whipped topping.

If you have a favorite recipe, please send it to me.

Herman KN5GRK
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FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245